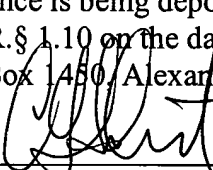




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RESPONSE

Sir:

Pending claims 20 and 34-37 have been finally rejected the May 23, 2005 Office
Action ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified patent
application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the application
accompanies this Response, together with the requisite petition for an extension of time,
extension fee, and authorization to charge deposit account.

Please amend the application as follows.